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Digging Deeper with the Montana Common Core English Language Arts and Literacy Standards Poster Activity

In order to help prepare for the alignment and implementation of the Montana Common Core Standards; it is important that educators take time to dig deep and study the standards. This activity will allow educators to closely examine the ELA and literacy standards at grade level and create a two page document specific to content/grade level.

1. Download and print copies of the color coded College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards. Also, download the ELA and Literacy Standards per grade level in Excel format. Please print it on legal size paper (8X14). This will be a two page document.
2. You will be looking at each College and Career Readiness (CCR) strand of the standards: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, or Language. This handout has been color coded with explanations pertaining to the structure of the document. Please pay attention to the topics of each strand.
3. Take your grade level ELA and Literacy MCCS document and make connections to the structure CCR color coded example. Study your topics and within each topic locate your standards.
 - Did you know that the standards were created with a backward design from college to kindergarten? You will find a direct alignment between your topics and numbered standards. Keep in mind that regardless of your grade level the CCR standards give you the big picture!
4. Color code your grade level document to correlate with each CCR strand document. They align directly. In each standard highlight the word or phrase that tells you the concept (blue) or the "what" of the standard (it may be a noun). Look for the skills (red) or the "how" (it may be a verb) in each standard and highlight with a second color. This will help you begin to see the level of intensity for instruction.
5. See the reverse page for an example.

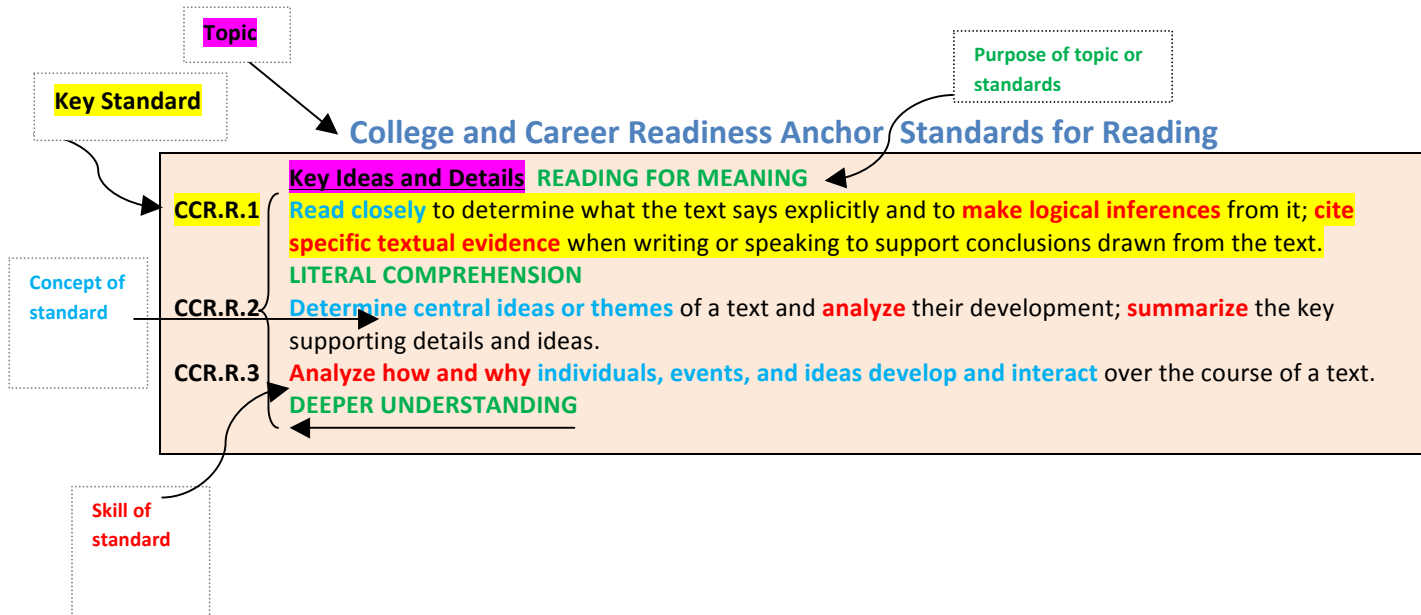


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3rd Grade Reading Standards for Literature

Reading Standards: Literature	Key Ideas and Details	RL.3.1	Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
		RL.3.2	Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures, including those by and about American Indians; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text. LITERAL COMPREHENSION
		RL.3.3	Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events. DEEPER UNDERSTANDING



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